



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status

Reviews of 27 Listed Species in the Mountain-Prairie Region

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews of 27 species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last review of the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration in our reviews, we are requesting submission of new information no later than **INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER***. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how to submit information for each species, see the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request information, contact the appropriate person in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. For general information, contact Karen Newlon, Regional Recovery Project Manager, by phone at 406–430–9010 or by email at karen_newlon@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their

country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) for 15 plants and 12 animals in the Mountain-Prairie Region. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

Why Do We Conduct 5-year Status Reviews?

Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year status reviews, go to <https://www.fws.gov/project/five-year-status-reviews>.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year status review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in

section 4(a)(1) of the Act); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year status review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which Species Are Under Review?

This notice announces our active review of the 27 species listed in the table below.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Historical Range	Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address
Pawnee montane skipper	<i>Hesperia leonardus montana</i>	Threatened	Colorado	52 FR 36176; 9/25/1987	Liisa Niva, Eastern Colorado Supervisor, 303-236-4779; liisa_niva@fws.gov	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228
Preble's meadow jumping mouse	<i>Zapus hudsonius preblei</i>	Threatened	Colorado, Wyoming	63 FR 26517; 5/13/1998	Liisa Niva (information above)	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office (information above)
Dudley Bluffs bladderpod	<i>Lesquerella congesta</i>	Threatened	Colorado	55 FR 4152; 2/6/1990	Creed Clayton, Acting Western Colorado Supervisor, 970-628-7187; creed_clayton@fws.gov	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office, 445 W. Gunnison Ave., #240, Grand Junction, CO 81501-5711
Dudley Bluffs twinpod	<i>Physaria obcordata</i>	Threatened	Colorado	55 FR 4152; 2/6/1990	Creed Clayton (information above)	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office (information above)
Parachute beardtongue	<i>Penstemon debilis</i>	Threatened	Colorado	76 FR 45054; 8/26/2011	Creed Clayton (information above)	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office (information above)
Gunnison sage-grouse	<i>Centrocercus minimus</i>	Threatened	Colorado, Utah	79 FR 69191; 11/20/2014	Creed Clayton (information above)	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office (information above)
Penland beardtongue	<i>Penstemon penlandii</i>	Endangered	Colorado	54 FR 29658; 7/13/1989	Creed Clayton (information above)	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office (information above)
Osterhout milkvetch	<i>Astragalus osterhoutii</i>	Endangered	Colorado	54 FR 29658; 7/13/1989	Creed Clayton (information above)	Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office (information above)

Colorado pikeminnow	<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>	Endangered	Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming	32 FR 4001; 3/11/1967	Julie Stahli, Director, Upper Colorado River Recovery Program, 303-236-4573, julie_stahli@fws.gov	Upper Colorado Endangered Fish River Recovery Program, 44 Union Blvd., #120, Lakewood, CO 80228-1807
Bonytail	<i>Gila elegans</i>	Endangered	Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah	45 FR 27710; 4/23/1980	Julie Stahli (information above)	Upper Colorado Endangered Fish River Recovery Program (information above)
Neosho madtom	<i>Noturus placidus</i>	Threatened	Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma	55 FR 21148; 5/22/1990	Jason Luginbill, Project Leader, 785-539-3474, jason_luginbill@fws.gov	Ecological Services, Kansas Field Office, 2609 Anderson Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502
Meltwater lednian stonefly	<i>Lednia tumana</i>	Threatened	Montana	84 FR 64210; 11/21/2019	Adam Zerrenner, Project Leader, 406-430-9003; adam_zerrenner@fws.gov	Ecological Services, Montana Field Office, 585 Shephard Way, Suite 1, Helena, MT 59601
Western glacier stonefly	<i>Zapada glacier</i>	Threatened	Montana, Wyoming	84 FR 64210; 11/21/2019	Adam Zerrenner (information above)	Ecological Services, Montana Field Office (information above)
Black-footed ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	Endangered	Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming	32 FR 4001; 03/11/1967	Pete Gober, Project Leader, 720-626-5260; pete_gober@fws.gov	National Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center, P.O. Box 190, Wellington, CO 80459
Desert yellowhead	<i>Yermo xanthocephalus</i>	Threatened	Wyoming	67 FR 11442; 3/14/2002	Tyler Abbott, Project Leader, 307-757-3707; tyler_abbott@fws.gov	Ecological Services, Wyoming Field Office, 334 Parsley Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82007
Wyoming toad	<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>	Endangered	Wyoming	49 FR 1992; 1/17/1984	Tyler Abbott (information above)	Ecological Services, Wyoming Field Office (information above)

Pariette cactus	<i>Sclerocactus brevispinus</i>	Threatened	Utah	74 FR 47112; 9/15/2009	George Weekley, Acting Project Leader, 385-285-7929; george_weekley@fws.gov	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office, 2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119
Uinta Basin hookless cactus	<i>Sclerocactus wetlandicus</i>	Threatened	Utah	74 FR 47112; 9/15/2009	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
San Rafael cactus	<i>Pediocactus despainii</i>	Endangered	Utah	52 FR 34914; 9/16/1987	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
Winkler cactus	<i>Pediocactus winkleri</i>	Threatened	Utah	63 FR 44587; 8/20/1998	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
Last Chance townsendia	<i>Townsendia aprica</i>	Threatened	Utah	50 FR 33734; 8/21/1985	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
Clay reed-mustard	<i>Schoenocrambe argillacea</i>	Threatened	Utah	57 FR 1398; 1/14/1992	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
Shrubby reed- mustard	<i>Schoenocrambe suffrutescens</i>	Endangered	Utah	52 FR 37416; 10/6/1987	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
Clay phacelia	<i>Phacelia argillacea</i>	Endangered	Utah	43 FR 44810; 9/28/1978	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
Autumn buttercup	<i>Ranunculus aestivalis</i> (= <i>acriiformis</i>)	Endangered	Utah	54 FR 30550; 7/21/1989	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
Virgin River chub	<i>Gila seminuda</i> (= <i>robusta</i>)	Endangered	Arizona, Nevada, Utah	54 FR 35305; 8/24/1989	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)

Woundfin	<i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i>	Endangered	Arizona, Nevada, Utah	35 FR 16047; 10/13/1970	George Weekley (information above)	Ecological Services, Utah Field Office (information above)
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Request for New Information

To ensure that a 5-year status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See **What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?** for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

Public Availability of Submissions

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Contents of Submissions

Please make your comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to

authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to be relevant to agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

Authority

We publish this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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